

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

### **LISTING OF THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) Method for production of a pigment granulate intended adapted for immediate dissolution in water, or in at least one other dissociating liquid, or in liquid mixtures with release of its ingredients under the influence of at least one dispersant, wherein

~~characterized by the fact~~

that the ingredients and the dispersant are present in particulate form, that the dispersant is present in the form of at least a cellulose containing material, and that the particles of the ingredients and dispersant are homogeneously mixed dry or wet and then formed dry or wet into a pigment granulate.

2. (Currently Amended) Method for production of a pigment granulate intended adapted for immediate dissolution in water, or in at least one other dissociating liquid, or in liquid mixtures containing such a liquid with release of its ingredients under the influence of at least one dispersant, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the ingredients and the dispersant are essentially homogeneously mixed in particulate form in a liquid and are present as a suspension, and the suspension is subjected to spray drying or fluidized bed drying, in which the mixture contained in the suspension drops of ingredients and dispersant aggregate into a granulate.

3. (Currently Amended) Method according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the ingredients are at least partially pregranulated before mixing.

4. (Currently Amended) Method according to ~~one of~~ Claims 1 ~~[[ ]]~~ 3, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the particles of the dispersant are at least partially pregranulated before mixing.

5. (Currently Amended) Method according to ~~one of~~ Claims 1, ~~3 or 4~~, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the pigment granulate is produced by compaction (~~mechanical compression~~) or by buildup granulation or a combination of these methods.

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7. (Currently Amended) Pigment granulate intended adapted for immediate dissolution in liquid with release of its ingredients, including ingredients present in particulate form, including at least one pigment and at least one dispersant, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein that the pigment granulate ~~consists of~~ comprises an essentially homogenous mixture of ingredients and dispersant, and the dispersant includes at least one particulate cellulose containing material.

8. (Currently Amended) Pigment granulate according to Claim 5 ~~7~~, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the ingredients, before mixing, have a particle size from 0.5 ~~to~~ to ~~10,000~~  $\mu\text{m}$ , ~~preferably a particle size from 1 2000~~  $\mu\text{m}$  ~~or 10-500~~  $\mu\text{m}$ .

9. (Currently Amended) Pigment granulate according to Claim 7 ~~or 8~~, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the cellulose containing material of the dispersant, before mixing, has a particle size from 20 ~~to~~ to ~~2200~~  $\mu\text{m}$ , ~~preferably 25-500~~  $\mu\text{m}$ .

10. (Currently Amended) Pigment granulate according to ~~one of~~ Claims 7 ~~to 9~~, ~~characterized by the fact that, when~~ wherein the cellulose containing material of the dispersant is pregranulated before mixing, the pregranulated cellulose containing material has a particle size from 0.1 ~~to~~ to 6.0 mm, ~~preferably 0.2-1.0~~ mm.

11. (Currently Amended) Pigment granulate according to ~~one of~~ Claims 7 ~~to 10~~, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the pigment granulate contains the cellulose containing material in a weight fraction from 0.5 ~~to~~ to 80%, ~~preferably from 1-15~~%.

12. (Currently Amended) Pigment granulate according to ~~one of~~ Claims 7 ~~to 11~~, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the cellulose containing material has a coating with auxiliaries that promote processing, like selected from the group consisting of maltodextrin, CMC (carboxymethylcellulose), gum arabic, dextrose, agar agar, polyvinyl alcohol (PVA), silica ~~or~~ tricalcium phosphate, and combinations thereof.

13. (Currently Amended) Pigment granulate according to ~~one of~~ Claims 7~~[[ -]]~~12, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the cellulose containing material is obtained from wood.

14. (Currently Amended) Pigment granulate according to Claim 13, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the cellulose containing material includes TMP (thermomechanical pulp).

15. (Currently Amended) Pigment granulate according to Claim 13, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the cellulose containing material contains CTMP (chemithermomechanical pulp).

16. (Currently Amended) Pigment granulate according to ~~one of~~ Claims 7~~[[ -]]~~15, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the cellulose containing material includes cellulose.

17. (Currently Amended) Use of pigment granulate according to ~~one of~~ Claims 7~~[[ -]]~~16, ~~characterized by the fact that it~~ wherein the pigment granulate is redispersed in water, or at least one other dissociating liquid or liquid mixtures containing such with release of its ingredients.

18. (New) Method according to Claim 2 wherein the ingredients are at least partially pregranulated before mixing.

19. (New) Method according to Claim 2 wherein the particles of the dispersant are at least partially pregranulated before mixing.

20. (New) Method according to Claim 2 the pigment granulate is produced by compaction or by buildup granulation or a combination of these methods.

21. (New) Pigment granulate according to Claim 7 wherein the pigment granulate consists of the essentially homogenous mixture of ingredients and dispersant.

22. (New) Pigment granulate according to Claim 8 wherein the ingredients,

before mixing, have a particle size from 1 to 2000  $\mu\text{m}$ .

23. (New) Pigment granulate according to Claim 22 wherein the ingredients, before mixing, have a particle size from 10 to 500  $\mu\text{m}$ .

24. (New) Pigment granulate according to Claim 9 wherein the cellulose-containing material of the dispersant, before mixing, has a particle size from 25 to 500  $\mu\text{m}$ .

25. (New) Pigment granulate according to Claim 10, wherein the pregranulated cellulose-containing material has a particle size from 0.2 to 1.0 mm.

26. (New) Pigment granulate according to Claim 11 wherein the pigment granulate contains the cellulose-containing material in a weight fraction from 1 to 15%.